## SENATE BILL 3539 By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35 and Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, relative to sentence reduction credits.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-236, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(k) In addition to any other sentence credits provided by this section, an inmate may be awarded up to one (1) year of sentence credits when such inmate earns a general equivalency diploma (GED) while incarcerated. The commissioner is directed to establish criteria for the awarding of such credits.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.